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RAMADAN MUBARAK TO ALL THE MUSLIMS OF CALIFORNIA FROM CALIFORNIA STATE TREASURER PHIL ANGELIDES

Ramadan, the 9th month in the Islamic calendar – this year from September 23rd through October 22nd – marks the holiest time of year for Muslims. It is Islam's most venerated and holiest month, the month in which the Prophet Muhammad received the first revelation of the Quran. It is a month of daytime fasting, of acts of abstinence and cessation of worldly concerns that bring clarity of thought and a raised level of closeness to God.

In Ramadan's core is the message that renewal of the spirit grows out of the conscious decision to renounce violence, anger, envy, greed and lust. It is a message of self-accountability and charity, of peace and self-reflection that the world sorely needs today. Ramadan is a time when Muslims choose how they will live their lives for the coming year, how they will work for peace and seek renewal of their spirit of fellowship and charity.

I offer my sincerest holiday blessings upon all who mark this sacred month. May your good deeds and actions during the holy month be multiplied a thousand fold. May you emerge renewed in spirit from this time of fasting and contemplation. May the spark of peace ignited in your heart expand to encompass all the world's communities. Have a blessed Ramadan.

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